(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what action is being taken against the persons responsible and their number; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent recurrence 'of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to information received from the Delhi Administration, one convict in a case u/s io of the Official Secrets Act read with S. 120B IPC in P.S. Seemapuri FIR No. 263/76 dated 15-11-76 was released on the 1oth February, 1986. His release was on the exact date as per rules and not before the completion of his sentence.

हिन्दी के प्रगामी प्रयोग से संबंधित वार्षिक कार्यक्रम का पूरा किया जाना

334. **डा. बापू कालदाते** : क्या गृह मंत्री 6 मार्च, 1986 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1177 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत 17 वर्षों में किसी भी मंत्रालय में हिन्दी के प्रगामी प्रयोग से संबंधित कार्यक्रम पूरा नहीं किया गया है यद्यपि प्रधान मंत्री जी ने 19 सितम्बर, 1985 को वार्षिक कार्यक्रमों को पूरा करने का आग्रह किया था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि संसदीय राजभाषा समिति के अध्यक्ष, सचिव, उपाध्यक्ष और यहां तक कि संयोजक भी इसकी बैठकों के लिए उपलब्ध नहीं होते हैं और कि भेजे गए अनेक पत्रों का भी उन पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ता है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि अंग्रेजी कम्प्यूटरों के आयात से राजभाषा पर विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ेगा ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास और गृह मंत्री (श्री पी. वी. नरसिंह राव) : (क) वार्षिक कार्यक्रम में केन्द्रीय सरकार के कार्यालयों में हिन्दी के प्रयोग से संबंधित सामान्य लक्ष्यों को निर्धारित किया जाता है । यह कहना सही है कि सभी मंत्रालयों और विभाग निर्धारित लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त नहीं कर सके हैं किन्तु सभी स्तरों पर इस दिशा में लगातार कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ।

(ख) भूतपूर्व गृहमंत्री ने महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री के रूप में नियुक्त होने पर संसदीय राजभाषा समिति के अध्यक्ष के पद का कार्यभार त्याग दिया था । समिति के नए अध्यक्ष नियुक्त करने के लिए विभाग द्वारा कार्रवाई प्रारम्भ कर दी गयी है ।

(ग) और (घ) जी, हां । राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा केन्द्रीय सरकार के सभी मंत्रालयों/विभागों को निदेश दिये गये हैं कि वे इलैक्ट्रानिक उपकरण जैसे कम्प्यूटर आदि द्विभाषी खरीदें ।

Increase in US Military aid *to* Pakistan

335. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the United States has recently agreed to increase the military aid to Pakistan by 35 per cent over the existing aid; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto in the context of country's defence preparedness ?

THE MINISTER OF STALE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) On March, 24, 1986, the US Government announced a new economic and military aid package for Pakistan amounting to. US $ 4.02 billion for the financial years 1987-93. A similar package for the financial years 1981-87 amounted to US $ 3.2 billion.

(b) Pakistan's acquisition of sophisticated weaponary from USA results regrettably in the diversion oi' our resources from development to defence. Government continues to maintain a constant vigil over all developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Military relationship between Pakistan and Sri Lanka

336. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing military relationship between Pakistan and Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Government are keeping a constant watch on the situation and all appropriate steps to safeguard India's interests would be taken as and when required.

Irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh

337. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there arc about 490 irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh, which violate the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in that regard.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESIS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Violations ofthe Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have come to notice of the Central Government in to irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh:

(b) The Central Government have communicated to all the State and Union Territory Governments that diversion of forest land will not be approved in regard to projects in which the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been violated. Diversion of forest lands in. regard to 8 irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh involving violation ofthe Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 has not been approved.

Escape of Charles Sobhraj from Tihar Jail

338. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the circumstances under which Charles Sobhraj and six other criminals escaped from Tihar Jail on March 16, 1986;

(b) what action has been taken against the jail authorities responsible for their escape:

(c) what precautionary measures have been taken to prevent such escape in future;:

(d) whether any foreign hand and foreign nationals are involved in planning the escape of Charles Sobhraj and others; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and the foreign nationals involved in helping Charles Sobhraj and what action Government have taken'to prevent foreign nationals visiting jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) On the afternoon of 16-3-86 Charles Sobhraj escaped with 6 other jail detenues of whom five were